# HOUSING FOCUSED STREET OUTREACH: PROMOTING HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ALL

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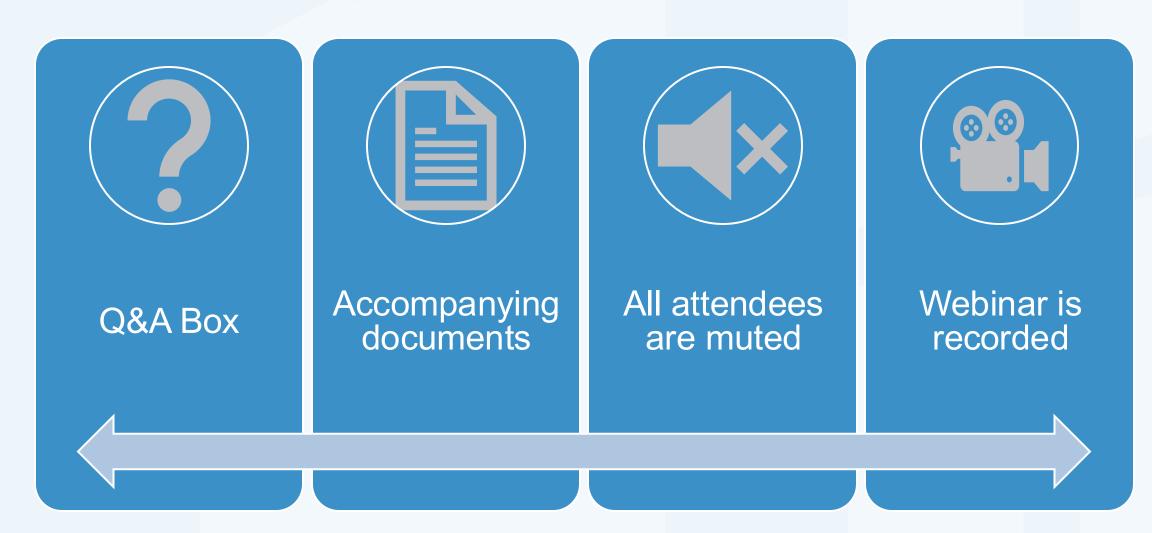
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### **HOUSEKEEPING**



#### What We Do



#### **Policy and Programs**

- Carries out the vital work of educating policymakers and the field about key strategies and policies for ending and preventing homelessness.
- Keeps federal policymakers and legislators informed of the needs of people experiencing homelessness and the programs serving them.
- Leads advocacy efforts on a grassroots level.

#### **Capacity Building**

- Supports efforts to end homelessness by offering training and technical assistance tailored to communities' unique needs.
- Helps design and implement crisis systems, improve systems' performance, and utilize data to end homelessness, particularly with an equity lens.
- Provides online courses, trainings, and webinars to inform the field of best practices to end homelessness.

#### **Homeless Research Institute**

- Analyzes data to identify homelessness trends on national, local, and Continuum of Care levels.
- Publishes research that ensures policymakers, practitioners, the media, and the public have the best information about trends and emerging solutions to the problem.
- Uses an equity lens to identify disparities in homelessness data.

### Lived Experience Innovation + Strategic Communications

# WHY A HOUSING FOCUSED STREET OUTREACH FRAMEWORK?

Current Reality
Must Change

Addressing Adverse Effects

Scarce Shelter & Housing Resources

Need for Universal Guidance

Outreach
Serves the
Most Vulnerable

Coordinated
Approach
Amplifies
Impact



# HOUSING-FOCUSED STREET OUTREACH

Framework





# DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

for Street Outreach Providers

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### WHAT IS HOUSING FOCUSED STREET OUTREACH?

**Housing-Focused Street Outreach** (HFSO) is an engagement strategy that prioritizes connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to lifesaving, personcentered, culturally responsive services and resources while actively working towards securing stable and permanent housing solutions. This approach is characterized by five distinct core elements:











# **HOUSING-FOCUSED** STREET OUTREACH Framework

Helping street outreach providers ensure that their work is grounded in a housing-focused approach.













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#### **KEY AREAS IN UPLIFTING HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Comprehensive Preparation

Purposeful Engagement

**Coordination & Communication** 

**Managing Conflict** 

### **COORDINATION & COMMUNICATION**



Maintain Clear Location Awareness



Consistency in Ongoing Engagement



Collaborative Coordination

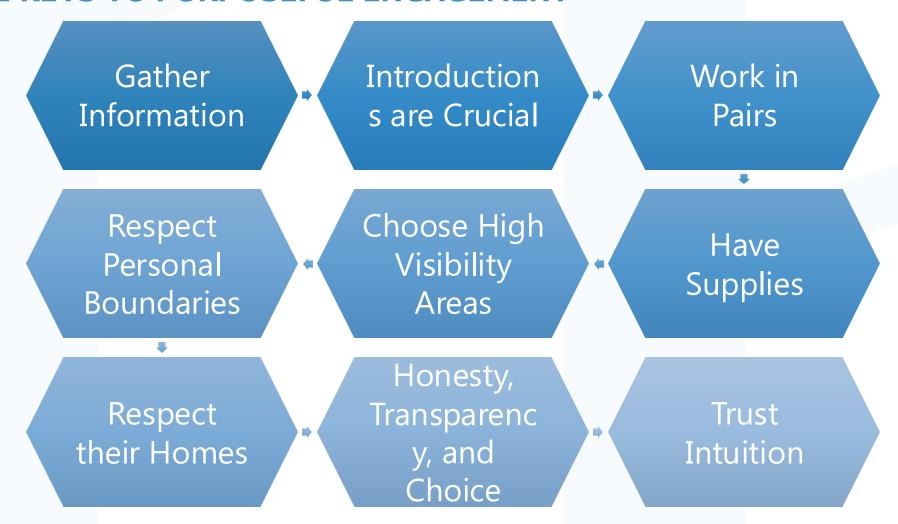


Safe and Supportive Team Environment



Universal Communication and Transparency

#### **NINE KEYS TO PURPOSEFUL ENGAGEMENT**



#### **PANEL CONVERSATION**

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